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**University of  
Bergen**  
Department of  
Linguistic, Literary  
and Aesthetic  
Studies

*The University of Bergen (UiB) is an internationally recognised research university with more than 14,000 students and close to 3,500 employees at six faculties. The university is located in the heart of Bergen. Our main contribution to society is excellent basic research and education across a wide range of disciplines.*

## Postdoktor

Applications are invited for the three year postdoctoral research fellow position at the Department of Linguistic, Literary and Aesthetic Studies to begin 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The position is associated with the project "Transformations of Medieval Law: Innovation and Application in Early Modern Norwegian Law Books". The project is financed by Bergen Research Foundation and the University of Bergen.

### About the postdoctoral project/work tasks

The overall project "Transformations of Medieval Law" investigates the transformations of the Norwegian Law-Code of 1274, the *Landslov*.

The postdoctoral project must investigate the amendments to the *Landslov* and address the following question:

- How and why was the *Landslov* transformed from a medieval law to reflect the needs of an Early Modern society, and how is this reflected in the manuscripts?

Furthermore, two subquestions must be taken into account when developing the postdoctoral project proposal:

- What parts of the law were amended and why?
- How and why were amendments incorporated into manuscripts?

The methodological approach should be based in material philology.

The postdoctoral position should also contribute to the project's overall development. The holder of the fellowship will be expected to check some manuscript transcriptions, contribute towards a database of manuscripts of interest to the project, assist in organising conferences, and engage with public outreach and social media as part of the project. The applicant should be willing to learn some Norwegian if they have no prior experience of a modern Scandinavian language. Applicants ought to contact [helen.leslie@uib.no](mailto:helen.leslie@uib.no) for a copy of the project description.

### Qualifications and personal qualities

The applicant must hold a Norwegian PhD in a subject relevant to the project (e.g. Old Norse, law or history), or an equivalent foreign degree. It is a condition of employment that the PhD has been awarded before 1 April 2019.

### Special requirements

Familiarity with codicology and palaeography is essential. Knowledge of Old Norse and a good command of written and spoken English are required. Knowledge of Latin is an advantage, as is previous experience with legal studies or medieval/Early Modern Norwegian law.

The candidate should be independent and motivated, work in a structured manner, be collegial and willing to contribute to joint research (such as joint research papers and presentations).

### About the position as postdoctoral research fellow

The position of postdoctoral research fellow is a fixed-term appointment with the primary objective of qualifying the appointee for work in top academic positions. The fixed-term period for this position is three years. Individuals may not be hired for more than one fixed-term period as a postdoctoral research fellow at the same institution.

It is a requirement that the project is completed in the course of the period of employment.

The postdoctoral position demands that the successful candidate has his or her regular workplace at the University of Bergen, Department of Linguistic, Literary and Aesthetic Studies and comply with the guidelines that apply to the position at all times.

### We can offer

- A good and professionally challenging working environment
- Salary at pay grade 59 (Code 1352/Pay range 24) in the state salary scale, currently approx. NOK 514.800 gross p.a. following ordinary meriting regulations. From the gross wage a 2 % law-enforced membership in the State Pension Fund (Statens Pensjonskasse) is deducted.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- A position in an inclusive workplace (IW)
- Good welfare benefits

### How to apply

Applications must be sent electronically via the link on this site: "APPLY FOR THIS JOB". The applicant must use the electronic CV-form, and the application must include:

- A brief account of the applicant's research interests and motivation for applying for the position.
- A project description (max. 5 pages)
- A progress plan for the project
- A bibliography for the project description
- A short summary of the doctoral thesis (max. 3 pages)
- The names and contact information for two reference persons. One of these must be the main advisor from the PhD programme.
- CV
- Transcripts and diplomas
- Relevant certificates/references
- List of any works of a scholarly nature (publications list)
- Publications (max. 3)

The application and appendices with certified translations into English or a Scandinavian language must be uploaded at JobbNorge.

### General information

Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting the project leader, Dr. Helen F. Leslie-Jacobsen, [helen.leslie@uib.no](mailto:helen.leslie@uib.no), Department of Linguistic, Literary and Aesthetic Studies.

The state labour force shall reflect the diversity of Norwegian society to the greatest extent possible. Age and gender balance among employees is therefore a goal. People with immigrant backgrounds are encouraged to apply for the position.

The University of Bergen applies the principle of public access to information when recruiting staff for academic positions. Information about applicants may be made public even if the applicant has asked not to be named on the list of persons who have applied. The applicant must be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

Questions or inquiries about the electronic application process can be directed to [fakadm@hf.uib.no](mailto:fakadm@hf.uib.no).

Further information about our employment process can be found [here](#).

Application deadline: 3 February 2019

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